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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about January 1, 1956, they held 2,263.6 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, some 3.6 percent greater than the 2,185.3 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries, including on-farm stocks, in millions of bushels (with last years' figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,217.4 (1,169.6); Canada, 740.4 (634.7); Australia, 196.1 (178.4) and Argentina, 109.7 (202.6).

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the four major export countries for the months of August and December, 1955, inclusive were 276.2 million bushels, 11 per cent below the 309.4 million exported in the same period for 1954. Canadian exports decreased from 116.9 to 93.4 million bushels. Comparable exports from other countries, in million of bushels were: United States, a decrease from 101.8 to 93.9; Argentina, a decrease from 53.7 to 52.7; and Australia, a decrease from 37.5 to 36.2.

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock to the United States from January 1 to February 11 (1954 figures in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 93 (311); feeder cattle, nil (1,175); dairy and purebred cattle, 3,960 (2,972); calves, 143 (57); hogs, 58 (543); and sheep 145 (144).

Dressed meat exports to all countries were: Beef, 1,312,936 lb. 35 per cent up from last year; pork, 5,642,595 lb., little changed from last year; and mutton and lamb, 7,089 lb. compared with 2,430 lb. in 1955.

In the week ending February 11, 412 head of United States cattle were slaughtered in Quebec and Ontario. Imports from January 1 to February 11 included 2,670 cattle, 118 calves and 281 sheep.

DAIRYING:

In the month of January, 1956, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,196,779 pounds compared to 1,210,072 pounds for January, 1955, a decrease of 1.1 per cent.

POULTRY:

Estimated poultry numbers on farms in Alberta at December 1, 1955, compared to numbers a year earlier were as follows:

	1954 No.	1955 No.	1955 as percent of 1954
Hens and Pullets	3,200,000	3,330,000	104
Pullets 6 wks. to 6 Mo.	1,140,000	920,000	81
Cocks and Cockerals	400,000	320,000	80
Chicks up to 6 wks.	30,000	80,000	267
Total Domestic Fowl	4,770,000	4,650,000	97
Turkeys	430,000	330,000	77
Geese	70,000	60,000	86
Ducks	90,000	65,000	72

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

Deliveries and Loadings:	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	- thousands of bushels -									
Month of January	8,080	6,757	621	397	3,043	2,744	195	224	54	128
	- dollars per bushel -									
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in January	1.06	1.09	0.47	0.49	0.71	0.71	0.91[1]	0.85[1]	2.67[1]	3.50[1]
	- thousands of dollars -									
Estimated Total Cash Returns										
Month of January Grain Delivered	8,807	7,365	292	194	2,160	1,948	177	190	144	448
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of January	8,807	7,365	292	194	2,160	1,948	177	190	144	448

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments -	1955	1956
Month of January	$ 11,580,000	$ 10,145,000

1. Based on average of weekly Winnipeg cash closing quotations for 3 c.w. rye and 2 c.w. flaxseed respectively.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

JANUARY, 1956, COMPARED WITH JANUARY, 1955

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without bonus)	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Month of January:				- dollars per hundred pounds -				
Calgary	18.67	16.85	16.39	14.25	17.89	17.33	22.54	18.40
Edmonton	18.52	15.95	14.81	13.08	18.72	17.39	23.17	19.00
Lethbridge	19.18	17.18	15.57	14.85	17.58	17.23	22.65	18.17

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1955	Dec. 1954	Dec. 1955	Jan. 1956
21.5	19.5	19.1	19.5	18.0

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

Live Stock Price Relationships*

	1933-53	1955	Dec. 1954	Dec. 1955	Jan. 1956
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	104.1	97.4	104.1	108.1
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	107.7	95.9	107.7	117.9
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	97.1	101.5	97.1	91.7

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

J A N U A R Y, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH J A N U A R Y, 1955

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
				- number of head -				
Month of January	50,903	51,441	7,560	7,934	20,051	22,194	159,018	149,254
Shipments to Country Points from Yards and Plants:								
Month of January	4,046	5,682	689	753	313	701	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of January	46,857	45,759	6,871	7,181	19,738	21,493	159,018	149,254
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of January	2,396	2,301	766	800	145	159	2,370	3,042
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of January	49,253	48,060	7,337	7,981	19,883	21,652	161,388	152,296
				- dollars -				
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:								
Month of January	6,605,000	5,772,000	464,000	371,000	360,000	362,000	5,810,000	4,417,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:	1955	1956
Month of January	$13,239,000	$ 10,922,000

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FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (DECEMBER AND JANUARY-DECEMBER, 1955) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (JANUARY, 1956) FOR ALBERTA

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	DECEMBER		JANUARY-DECEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY-DECEMBER	
DAIRY PRODUCTS:	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,210	1,299	24,901	25,706	760	794	14,817	15,333
Dairy Butter	5.4	3.6	66.8	51.2	3	2	38	[illegible]
Milk for Cheese Making	1,309	1,188	28,380	23,672	32	29	673	545
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	10,142	10,314	139,148	146,905	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milk for Fluid Sales	18,702	19,862	207,200	220,088	864	918	[illegible]	[illegible]
TOTAL VALUE					1,943	2,036	28,940	30,057

* Cream and fluid cream converted to milk basis.

	JANUARY		JANUARY	
POULTRY PRODUCTS:	1955	1956	1955	1956
	- dozen -		- dollars -	
Eggs received at registered grading stations*	1,599,000	1,563,000	[illegible]	485,000
	- pounds -			
Poultry marketed through registered stations**	221,000	[illegible]	56,000	93,000
TOTAL EGGS AND POULTRY			511,000	[illegible]

In 1955 and 1954, [illegible] per cent respectively of Alberta eggs sold by producers were marketed through registered grading stations.
In 1955 and 1954, 35.4 and [illegible] per cent respectively of the poultry meat marketed were sold through registered stations.

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		1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
Flour Mills (7 Firms) - Gross Sales	$.	27,598,803	19,087,552	- 30.8	2,479,691	1,546,899	- 37.6
Production	Centals	5,713,302	5,615,496	- 1.7	451,611	447,953	- .8
	Value $.	27,802,111	26,236,466	- 5.6	2,117,038	2,119,280	.1
Creamery Butter (1) - Production	Lbs.	30,369,430	31,334,801*	3.2	1,461,675	1,475,327	.9
	Value $.	17,422,960	18,174,284*	4.3	884,513	863,185	- 2.4
Factory Cheese (1) - Production	Lbs.	2,579,663	2,150,975	- 16.6	120,339	113,133	- 6.0
	Value $.	864,173	699,068	- 19.1	39,110	36,768	- 6.0
Meat Packing - Gross Sales	$.	30,545,731	31,812,970	4.1	3,184,186	3,282,529	3.1
Stockyards - Gross Sales	$.	119,500,954	126,269,707	5.7	10,101,623	9,518,784	- 5.8
Production	Meat lbs.	316,211,505	355,088,914	12.3	33,204,469	30,343,449	- 8.5
	Value $.	89,308,335	88,715,274	- 1.2	7,990,094	6,573,730	- 17.7
Exports	Meat lbs.	150,060,210	186,762,461	24.1	17,309,022	13,557,699	- 21.6
	Value $.	43,681,169	46,682,408	6.9	3,320,275	2,936,596	- 32.0

* Revised

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING J A N U A R Y 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1955, WITH TWELVE MONTH FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

			1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	4,859,136	4,456,578	- 8.3	479,075	627,112	30.9
		Value $.	26,349,275	23,486,399	- 10.9	2,546,074	3,221,603	26.5
Salt	Production	Tons	31,568	41,957	32.9	3,188	4,120	29.2
Petroleum Products Refined-Gross Sales		$.	125,307,978	144,479,762	15.3	8,597,586	11,080,968	28.9
Propane	Production	Gallons.	16,610,523	27,929,237	68.1	2,625,429	2,932,529	11.7
	Sales	Gallons.	16,780,058	23,447,084	39.7	2,650,178	2,903,688	9.6
Butane	Production	Gallons.	7,683,282	17,287,988	125.0	1,371,952	1.687.622	23.0
	Sales	Gallons.	6,586,532	14,413,224	118.8	1,215,122	1,437,898	18.3
Sulphur	Production	Tons	22,320	29,094	30.3	2,753	3,322	20.7
	Sales	Tons	18,663	25,977	39.2	1,116	1,174	5.2
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	2,891,258	3,127,643	8.2	95,163	94,933	- .2
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	16,589,518	16,550,014	- .2	657,397	561,590	- 14.6
Cement	Production	Barrels.	3,002,600	2,795,910	- 6.9	113,110	148,690	31.5
		Value $.	7,677,852	6,964,331	- 9.3	279,382	358,343	28.3
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	633,752	708,043	11.7	43,318	50,726	17.1
	Production	Tons	31,206	38,025	21.9	1,747	2,124	21.6
		Value $.	475,474	519,298	9.2	22,492	26,105	16.1

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Petroleum	(1)	Production-Barrels	87,637,089	113,035,046	29.0	8,608,827	10,816,799	25.6
		Value of Sales $.	227,877,548	274,245,952	20.3	21,304,936	26,251,356	23.2
Natural Gas	(1)	Production- M.C.F.	135,545,629	168,808,357	24.5	14,316,458	20,486,182	43.1
Petroleum - Crude (Revised Series)	(2)	Imports Barrels	1,738,925	1,921,831	10.5	176,397	158,380	-10.2
		Exports Barrels	70,031,0[illegible]	90,188,907	28.8	6,159,861	9,573,225	55.4
Petroleum Products Refined	(2)	Production-Barrels	19,770,744	22,075,320	11.7	1,805,416	1,996,853#	10.6
		Imports Barrels	345,75[illegible]	302,204	-12.6	16,106	20,489	27.2
		Exports Barrels	4,391,015	4,794,090	9.2	298,378	375,304	25.8
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha	(1)	Production-Barrels	682,378	868,416	27.3	74,233	87,745	18.2
		Value of Sales $.	1,979,471*	2,463,133	24.4	197,822*	245,467	24.1

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, December, 1955, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.
(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

* Value of naphtha for 1954, not included

\# Composed of 1,088,069 bbls. gasoline; 432,900 bbls. diesel fuel; 34,833 bbls. kerosene; 441,051 bbls. other fuel.

G E N E R A L S T A T I S T I C S - A L B E R T A

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING J A N U A R Y 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1955, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

		1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production Lumber	ft.b.m.	365,900,000	430,000,000	17.5	96,258,000	96,300,000	-
	Value $.	14,636,000	17,200,000	17.5	3,850,000	3,852,000	.1
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products	$.	18,236,000	21,300,000	16.8	4,730,000	4,732,000	-
Fur (Wild Life) - Trapped	No. of Pelts	1,270,049	1,766,876	39.1	384,460	187,722	-51.2
	Value $.	1,190,886	2,136,851	79.4	295,476	160,960	-45.5
Life Insurance Sales -	$.	154,996,000	194,448,000	25.5	12,184,000	16,263,000	33.4
		1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	1956 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (February)	1956 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Bank Clearings	$.	763,613,782	995,844,281	30.4	366,206,406	464,930,754	27.0

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

		1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Fisheries Production	Lbs.	8,820,210	8,731,264	- 1.0			
	Value $.	1,149,503	1,143,499	- .6			
Bank Debits (1)	Value $.	9,082,402,000	9,969,111,000	9.8	841,544,000	939,320,000	11.6
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2)	No.	30,957	36,543	18.0	2,280	2,417	6.0
	Value $.	80,162,000	99,173,000	23.7	5,910,000	7,060,000	19.5
Customs' Duty Receipts	$.	14,441,294	15,841,631	9.7	1,289,787	1,393,032	8.0
Electric Power - Consumption (3)	K.W.Hrs.	1,500,875,000	1,738,868,000	15.9	147,831,000	189,662,000	28.3

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 32, No. 12, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVII, No. 12, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 23, No. 12, 1955, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING J A N U A R Y 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1955, WITH TWELVE MONTH FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

		1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BUILDING PERMITS:				%			%
CALGARY	Number	4,093	4,845	18.4	161	150	- 6.8
	Value $.	46,729,742	58,896,348	26.0	2,034,835	3,641,280	78.9
EDMONTON	Number	7,699	7,437	- 3.4	190	209	10.0
	Value $.	68,329,716	58,718,696	- 14.1	3,566,998	558,518	- 84.3
LETHBRIDGE	Number	821	779*	- 5.1	23	19	- 17.4
	Value $.	9,028,681	6,356,271*	- 29.6	122,050	113,375	- 7.1
MEDICINE HAT	Number	467	429	- 8.1	9	11	22.2
	Value $.	2,418,349	22,266,810	820.7	25,100	50,200	100.0
RED DEER	Number	379	352	- 7.1	6	4	- 33.3
	Value $.	3,780,350	4,166,763	10.2	6,800	7,400	8.8
DRUMHELLER	Number	63	54	- 14.3	-	1	-
	Value $.	311,773	238,448	- 23.5	-	2,000	-
WETASKIWIN	Number	133	61	- 54.1	1	1	-
	Value $.	621,030	369,725	- 40.5	500	150	- 70.0
CAMROSE	Number	163	128	- 21.5	-	2	-
	Value $.	1,550,980	1,542,245	- .6	-	16,250	-
TOTAL (8 CITIES)	NUMBER	13,818	14,085*	1.9	390	397	1.8
	VALUE $.	132,770,621	152,555,306*	14.9	5,756,283	4,389,173	- 23.7
TOTAL (169 Towns & Villages)	VALUE $.	15,058,935*	23,898,981*	58.7	543,503	660,875	21.6

		1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	5,648	7,493	32.7	134	118	- 11.9
	Value $.	58,595,300	74,351,100	26.9	1,353,400	1,153,300	- 14.8
BUSINESS	Number	807	786	- 2.6	26	29	11.5
	Value $.	86,401,400	65,345,000	- 24.4	1,413,300	2,596,600	83.7
INDUSTRIAL	Number	87	76	- 12.6	1	2	100.0
	Value $.	24,476,200	39,611,800	61.8	9,500	503,500	5,200.0
ENGINEERING	Number	279	277	- .7	16	21	31.3
	Value $.	49,732,100	51,001,800	2.6	2,211,700	1,382,700	- 37.5
TOTAL	NUMBER	6,821	8,632	26.6	177	170	- 4.0
	VALUE $.	219,205,000	230,309,700	5.1	4,987,900	5,636,100	13.0

* Revised.

(1) Source: Building Reporter, February, 1956, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	1956 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (February)	1956 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff	47,367	39,137	- 17.4	26,145	24,663	- 5.7
Elk Island	1,200	1,500	25.0	450	600	33.3
Jasper	419	597	42.5	183	289	57.9
TOTAL	48,986	41,234	- 15.8	26,778	25,552	- 4.6

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA.

TWELVE MONTHS PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1955, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden	380	414	8.9	19	21	10.5
Carway	16,790	22,283	32.7	195	261	33.8
Chief Mountain	11,363	12,234	7.7	-	-	-
Coutts	39,012	48,261	23.7	1,498	2,174	45.1
Del Bonita	1,469	1,417	- 3.5	115	84	- 27.0
Wild Horse	792	924	16.7	17	29	70.6
TOTAL	69,806	85,533	22.5	1,844	2,569	39.3

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

W H O L E S A L E T R A D E - T R E N D S - A L B E R T A

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING J A N U A R Y 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1955, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR.

	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies -	77,857,587	95,259,350	22.4	6,018,581	5,499,621	- 8.6
Boots and Shoes - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,862,680	3,957,325	38.2	214,597	183,028	- 14.7
Drugs -	5,810,174	5,609,980	- 3.4	709,588	668,527	- 5.1
Dry Goods - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	11,963 090	13,210,930	10.4	649,505	618,830	- 4.7
Electrical Appliances and Radios - - - - - - -	46,319,000	51,240,421	10.6	2,603,309	3,030,192	16.4
Florists - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	964,380	1,059,341	9.9	39,425	42,163	6.9
Furniture - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3,070,177	3,280,405	6.8	214,458	209,189	- 2.5
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables) -	157,644,107	165,490,080	5.0	11,030,903	11,542,152	4.6
Hardware - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	70,671,875	72,826,884	2.9	3,504,080	3,582,969	-
Lumber and Building Supplies - - - - - - - - -	58,816,736	58,655,075	14.5	2,708,410	3,120,896	15.2
Machinery, Agricultural - - - - - - - - - - -	32,824,043	34,859,034	7.0	767,495	675,228	- 12.0
Machinery, Other - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	18,756,[illegible]	20,460,805	9.1	1,102,536	1,090,037	- 1.1
Paints and Varnishes - - - - - - - - - - - - -	8,141,830	8,659,914	6.4	339,855	426,555	25.5
Paper -	6,846,784	7,242,158	4.5	741,568	733,657	- 1.1
Tobacco -	20,220,498	20,548,990	1.6	1,368,498	1,482,728	8.7
Oilfield Supplies - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	11,046,[illegible]	14,293,004	29.4	1,147,[illegible]	2,396,776	109.[illegible]
Carbonated Beverages - - - - - - - - - - - - -	12,799,573	12,710,699	- .7	681,[illegible]	631,840	- 7.6
Miscellaneous - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	57,387,030	61,947,004	7.9	3,640,473	3,430,737	- 5.8
T O T A L - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	601,972,413	656,990,832	9.1	37,576,145	39,364,525	4.8
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary -	140,597,091	150,631,138	7.1	8,271,151	8,161,282	- 1.3
Edmonton - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	149,166,671	161,[illegible],125	8.3	9,165,912	10,022,003	9.3
Lethbridge - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	13,451,727	13,[illegible],624	.3	771,031	700,422	- 9.2
Medicine Hat - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,037,377	2,[illegible],987	13.0	111,030	121,576	9.5
Smaller Centres - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	9,377,373	10,[illegible],596	15.5	578,122	615,897	6.5
Major Cities - Not distributable by location -	287,342,168	318,246,190	10.8	18,678,859	19,743,345	5.7
T O T A L - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	601,972,413	656,990,832	9.1	37,576,115	39,364,525	4.8

[illegible] above figures [illegible] considered as more indicative of trend of business in the various lines and for the various locations than [illegible] of actual [illegible] [illegible].

R E T A I L T R A D E - A L B E R T A

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
T O T A L - RETAIL TRADE	**963,630,000**(a)	**1,019,132,000***(a)	**5.8**	**101,603,000**	**102,522,000**	**1.5**
Grocery and Combination Stores	139,756,000	143,259,000	2.5	14,397,000	15,091,000	4.8
Other Food and Beverage Stores	59,541,000	58,946,000	- 1.0	9,295,000	8,821,000	- 5.1
General Stores	56,151,000	55,478,000	- 1.2	5,815,000	5,570,000	- 4.2
Department Stores	103,046,000	113,867,000	10.5	14,393,000	15,919,000	10.6
Variety Stores	12,564,000	13,908,000	10.7	2,488,000	2,654,000	6.7
Motor Vehicle Dealers	182,023,000	209,869,000	15.3	14,284,000	15,199,000	6.4
Garage and Filling Stations	62,823,000	63,737,000	1.5	4,824,000	4,631,000	- 4.0
Men's Clothing Stores	15,708,000	16,267,000	3.6	2,707,000	2,588,000	- 4.4
Family Clothing Stores	11,676,000	12,059,000	3.3	1,673,000	1,746,000	4.4
Women's Clothing Stores	20,737,000	20,718,000	- .1	2,644,000	2,806,000	6.1
Shoe Stores	5,144,000	5,353,000	4.1	537,000	478,000	- 11.0
Hardware Stores	26,570,000	27,242,000	2.5	3,301,000	3,280,000	- 0.6
Lumber and Building Material Dealers	53,152,000	53,267,000	.2	4,005,000	3,239,000	- 19.1
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores	32,441,000	39,603,000	22.1	3,091,000	3,491,000	12.9
Restaurants	36,319,000	33,446,000	- 7.9	2,982,000	2,698,000	- 9.5
Fuel Dealers	523,000	527,000	.8	47,000	72,000	53.2
Drug Stores	21,282,000	21,355,000	.3	2,580,000	2,546,000	- 1.3
Jewellery Stores	5,873,000	6,037,000	2.8	1,449,000	1,456,000	.5
Miscellaneous	118,279,000	124,192,000	5.0	10,491,000	10,237,000	- 2.4

* Revised.

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

SOURCE: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVII, No. 12, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At D E C E M B E R 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1955	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1955	Dec. 1 1955
			$	$	
Mining	118.7	125.2	79.69	84.55	19,487
Coal	54.5	45.8	65.09	73.83	3,695
Oil	204.1	230.2	83.90	87.48	14,366
Manufacturing	130.1	141.7	62.94	63.61	28,555
Foods and Beverages	120.1	123.4	62.12	62.74	9,072
Meat Products	127.3	133.4	69.83	69.17	4,238
Wood Products	108.5	106.3	48.09	51.06	2,832
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	103.5	116.8	60.40	61.74	1,302
Iron and Steel Products	146.1	161.9	71.29	68.54	3,001
Transportation Equipment	133.6	149.9	63.35	61.77	4,433
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	131.8	152.9	61.32	59.58	2,405
Products of Petroleum and Coal	134.1	162.4	81.75	86.92	1,509
Construction	205.2	181.2	65.88	67.99	20,149
Buildings and Structures (k)	220.8	209.3	69.78	72.28	12,856
Highways, Bridges and Streets	185.9	146.6	60.13	60.43	7,293
Transportation, Storage, Communication	111.9	113.7	63.25	64.96	23,684
Steam Railways	100.4	95.4	65.21	67.55	12,760
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	135.9	145.7	65.87	69.20	3,756
Storage	108.6	116.3	53.65	53.95	2,716
Trade	132.8	142.7	51.53	54.03	28,552
Wholesale	129.9	139.5	57.35	60.27	9,576
Retail	134.3	144.4	48.59	50.89	18,976
Service	122.9	132.9	40.01	41.32	7,795
Hotels and Restaurants	115.6	125.1	38.82	40.28	5,132
Industrial Composite	133.7	137.1	61.61	63.74	138,346

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, December, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment, and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CHELSEA and HENNIKER, by Industries

At D E C E M B E R 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Employees		Wages		Persons Reported Dec. 1 1955
	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1955	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1955	
Manufacturing					
Food and Beverages	141.0	141.0	$ 54.26	$ 63.82	11,955
Textile Products	130.7	138.4	67.00	65.72	2,535
Wholesale Trade	137.1	135.1	74.50	77.03	1,040
Retail Trade	142.3	142.1	41.41	43.31	7,455
Industrial Composite	135.2	138.6	59.92	63.17	23,185

Total: Chelsea and Lyndville, December, 1955
Compared to 1954

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At D E C E M B E R 1, 1955, as Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1955	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1955	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1955	Dec. 1 1955
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining -	35.1	39.9	182.6	184.7	64.09	73.79	2,947
Oil and Natural Gas Production - - - - - - - - -	46.1	45.6	172.3	180.7	79.43	82.40	4,759
Manufacturing - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	41.1	40.1	148.6	152.6	61.07	61.19	20,221
Foods and Beverages - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	40.8	40.3	145.7	148.0	59.45	59.64	6,221
Meat Products - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	41.4	40.2	163.0	164.1	67.48	65.97	3,021
Transportation Equipment - - - - - - - - - - -	40.9	39.1	152.9	152.6	62.54	59.67	3,560
Buildings and Structures (h) - - - - - - - - - -	41.4	38.4	165.0	183.8	68.31	70.58	9,849
Electric and Motor Transportation (i) - - - - - -	39.9	40.9	150.7	154.6	60.13	63.23	2,038
Services (j) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	40.6	39.8	91.8	93.8	37.27	37.33	4,384

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, December, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.